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EXAMINER: Lalita M. Hamilton

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"METHOD FOR PIRACY PROTECTION OF AN APPARATUS AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD"

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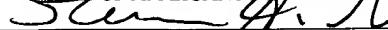
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SIR:

Applicants and their counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the teachings of the references relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.